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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

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For: LINEAR MOTOR)
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned)
Art Unit: 2834)
Applicants: Duncan and Boyd)
Attorney Docket No.: 1170/39740)
Case 108-PCT-US)

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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20203

Sir:

Applicant, by and through its attorneys of record, respectfully request a report as to the status of the above-noted application. This application was filed on December 11, 2001, and accorded a filing date of April 5, 2002 under 35 U.S.C. §371, and as of the date of this letter, no Office Action has been received in this matter. The purpose of this letter is to insure that an Office Action has not been misdirected in the mail and, if no Office Action has been forwarded, Applicant requests an estimate as to when it might expect an Office Action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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